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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the patent documents listed on the enclosed citation Form PTO-1449. A copy of the non-English patent documents and counterpart English language abstracts also are enclosed.

STATEMENT/PETITION/FEE

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REMARKS

Japanese Patent Document No. 2001-125338 is discussed at least at page 3, line 19 through page 4, line 2 of the specification.

It is noted that Japanese Patent Document No. S50-4539 is identified at page 5, line 27 through page 6, line 6 of the specification in connection with a discussion of a developing method. However, the document being discussed should have been identified as --Japan Patent Application Laid-Open No. 54-43038--. The correct document is listed on the enclosed citation form along with U.S. Patent Nos. 4,386,577; 4,387,664; 4,421,057; 4,458,627, and RE 34,734, which are identified as being in the family of Japanese Patent Document No. 54-43038.

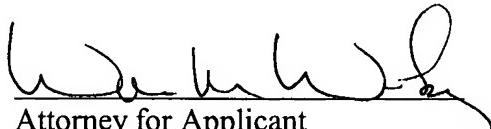
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	4,386,577	06/07/83	Hosono, et al.	118	657	
	4,387,664	06/14/83	Hosono, et al.	118	658	
	4,421,057	12/20/83	Hosono, et al.	118	657	
	4,458,627	07/10/84	Hosono, et al.	118	657	
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	54-43038	04/05/79	Japan			Abstract
	2001-125338	05/11/01	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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